

Claims

- [c1] 1.A method for patent licensing which comprises providing a web site listing a plurality of patents available for unilateral license together with copies of at least one unilateral license form associated with at least one listed patent.
- [c2] 2.The method according to claim 1, wherein the web site does not require a sign-in procedure on the part of any potential licensee.
- [c3] 3.The method according to claim 2, which further comprises providing a copy of the unilateral license which can be viewed by any potential licensee without a potential licensee having to indicate interest in a particular listed patent.
- [c4] 4.The method according to claim 3, which further comprises providing a list of patents available for unilateral license which can be viewed by any potential licensee without a potential licensee having to indicate interest in a particular listed patent.
- [c5] 5.The method according to claim 2, which further comprises sending an acknowledgement form to a licensee after said licensee indicates acceptance of a unilateral license.
- [c6] 6.The method according to claim 4, which further comprises sending an invoice to a licensee after said licensee indicates acceptance of a unilateral license.
- [c7] 7.The method according to claim 1, wherein at least one unilateral license form associated with a listed patent is an exclusive unilateral license form, which method further comprises indicating on the web site that the listed patent is no longer available for licensing if a licensee has indicated acceptance of an exclusive unilateral license for said listed patent.
- [c8] 8.The method according to claim 1, wherein a first listed patent is associated a first unilateral license and a second listed patent is associated with a second unilateral license, which second unilateral license differs from the first unilateral license.
- [c9] 9.The method according to claim 1, wherein the unilateral license form lists

different initial royalty payments that are dependent on the age of the listed patent.

- [c10] 10.The method according to claim 1, wherein a royalty can be calculated according to the unilateral license form.
- [c11] 11.The method according to claim 1, wherein a royalty is listed on the web site and the unilateral license form refers to the royalty listed on the web site.
- [c12] 12.The method according to claim 1, wherein a listed patent is associated with a plurality of unilateral licenses.
- [c13] 13.The method according to claim 12, wherein the listed patent is associated with at least one exclusive unilateral license.